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SUBJECT: PRINCESS WIPAWADI KILLED BY INSURGENTS IN SOUTH THAILAND

1. AMCONSUL SONGKHLA REPORTS THAT, ACCORDING TO THAI ARMY SOURCE, PRINCESS WIPAWADI RANGSIT WAS KILLED AT ABOUT 9:30 AM. FEB 16 WHEN COMMUNIST TERRORISTS FIRED ON THE HELICOPTER SHE WAS FLYING IN. WHEN KILLED, SHE WAS ON HER WAY TO WIANG SA SUB-DISTRICT IN SURAT THANI PROVINCE IN SOUTH THAILAND TO PRESENT ROYAL GIFTS TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF A RECENT CLEARING OPERATION IN THAT AREA. NONE OF THE OTHER OCCUPANTS ON THE HELICOPTER WERE KILLED.

2. PRINCESS WIPAWADI IS THE FORMER PRINCIPAL LADY-IN-WAITING TO THE QUEEN AND ELDER SISTER OF PRINCE PHISADET RATCHANI, DIRECTOR OF THE KING'S HILLTRIBE PROJECTS IN NORTHER THAILAND. SHE WAS ALSO A WELL-KNOWN NOVELIST UNDER THE PEN NAME OF VORNA PRAMAULMART. HER HUSBAND IS PRINCE PIYA RANGSIT, GRANDSON OF KING RAMA IV (KING MONGKUT).

3. AMCONSUL SONGKHLA COMMENTED THAT INCIDENT HIGHLIGHTS THE FACT THAT THE RECENT CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SOUTHER THAILAND HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE THAI GOVERNMENT HAS MADE THEM OUT TO BE. HE BELIEVES THAT THE

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INSURGENTS JUST MOVED INTO OTHER AREAS DURING THE OPERATIONS AND WERE ONLY TEMPORARILY DISCOMFITED.
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